

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] In Japanese Patent laid-open No. Heisei 8-50132 8-501321, ~~is proposed~~ a method is proposed in which a nucleic acid mixture is adsorbed on a porous or nonporous inorganic base such as silica gel or glass from an adsorption aqueous solution containing high-concentration (ionic strength) salts and an organic acid such as an aliphatic alcohol or polyethylene glycol, washed and then eluted with a solution containing lower-concentration (ionic strength) salts to obtain a nucleic acid.